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TAGS: CSCE SHUM PFOR YO US  
SUBJ: STRONG REACTION TO U.S. CRITICISM OF YUGOSLAV  
CSCE RECORD

REF: STATE 135419 (NOTAL)

1. EDITORIAL ON BELGRADE RADIO JUNE 11 SHARPLY CRITICIZED  
U.S. REPORT ON YUGOSLAV CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. ARGUMENTS  
PARALLELED THOSE PRESENTED BY MATIC (REFTEL).

2. IN ROUGH PARAPHRASE EDITORIAL SAID: FORMER AMBASSADOR  
SILBERMAN HAD LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA ON  
THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL VISIT  
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT SUCH A CAMPAIGN  
WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. THE U.S. HAS NOT KEPT ITS WORD.  
YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH  
IS NOT OBSERVING HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BASKET III  
OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS RECOGNITION  
THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S RECORD IS BETTER THAN SOME. THIS IS A  
CUNNING MARK OF A BLOC APPROACH TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.  
IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE ON YUGOSLAVIA A MODEL WHICH  
YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT WANT. THIS CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE  
IN YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT  
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ACCEPT SUCH ORDERS. WHO GAVE THE UNITED STATES THE RIGHT  
TO GIVE LESSONS TO OTHERS? THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT THE  
RIGHT APPROACH ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND  
IS NOT A GOOD SIGN FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. END PARAPHRASE.

3. THUS FAR WE HAVE SEEN NO FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT  
ON THE SUBJECT. LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,

STANE DOLANC, HOWEVER, HAS CHARGED "SOME REACTIONARY POLITICAL FORCES" WITH "ACTIVATING" FORMER USTASHI, CHETNIKS, AND OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS IN ORDER TO THREATEN YUGOSLAVIA ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HE WAS SPEAKING TO A POLITICAL MEETING ON JUNE 12.

4. LAST MONTH INTERIOR SECRETARY HERLJEVIC EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW. HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA IS THE TARGET OF ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT IT AS CSCE HOST AND A LEADING NON-ALIGNED STATE. IN HIS WORDS, "AFTER THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE VARIOUS REACTIONARY INSTITUTIONS, CIRCLES, AND INDIVIDUALS ABROAD BEGAN AN EXTENSIVE AND WELL-ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN IN CONNECTION WITH HUMAN FREEDOMS, FIRST OF ALL IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES....THE ENEMIES OF EVERYTHING THAT IS PROGRESSIVE ENGAGED THEIR ENTIRE PROPAGANDA MACHINERY TO PROVE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ARE NOT RESPECTED, OR RATHER THAT THEY ARE LIMITED IN OUR COUNTRY."

5. RUMORS HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD IN BELGRADE FOR SOME TIME NOW ABOUT SPECIFIC ACTS OF ALLEGED SABOTAGE GEARED TO CSCE, E.G. VARIOUS FIRES. AND SECURITY SERVICES REPORTEDLY WARNING BOTH POTENTIAL CRIMINAL CRIMINALS AND POLITICAL "CRIMINALS" TO GET OUT OF TOWN FOR DURATION OF CONFERENCE. YORK

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